GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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COMPREHENSIVE POLICY FOR TRIBAL WELFARE
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Centre has decided to come out with a comprehensive policy for tribal welfare;

(b) if so, whether the proposed policy comprising welfare programmes for 698 Scheduled Tribes spread all over the country; (

(c) if so, the time by which this policy is likely to be announced; and

(d) the total amount earmarked for implementing this policy?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH)

(a) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Ashram Schools for STs, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs provides construction grant to the State Govts. on 50:50 sharing basis. No grant is provided for computer Centres in these Ashram Schools.

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The national Policy for tribals is still in the process of finalization. No time frame can be indicated at this stage.

(d) The policy would provide broad framework for issues concerning Tribal Affairs. It is not directly linked to quantification of funds.